EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or

additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR

1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the

payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with

Donald W. Muirhead (Reg. No. 33,978) on 4/2/09.

In the Claims:

Claims 1, 2, 17, and 18 of the application has been amended as follows:

1. (Currently amended) A method of providing multiple jobs for a first communication device

that exchanges data with a second communication device, comprising:

providing a plurality of device records, wherein each of the device records corresponds to

the first communication device;

providing a plurality of job records for at least one of the device records as a

corresponding device record, wherein each of the job records contains at least some information

that is also provided in the corresponding device record, and wherein at least one of the job

records corresponds to tasks performed in connection with exchanging data between the first

communication device and the second communication device; ~~and~~

linking the job records and the corresponding device record; ~~so that~~

accessing any one of the job records ~~may be accessed~~ by first accessing the

corresponding device record, wherein jobs corresponding to the job records associated with the

corresponding device record are serviceable by different adapters that access the corresponding

device record, and wherein at least one of the jobs is serviced by one of the different adapters

accessing a particular job record for the at least one of the jobs via accessing the corresponding

device record, the different adapters that access the corresponding device record being linked to

the particular job record corresponding to the at least one of the jobs, and then the one of the

different adapters servicing the at least one of the jobs; and

 providing one of a plurality of shared pointers in each of the job records and the

corresponding device record, wherein all of the shared pointers point to the corresponding device

record.

2. (Cancelled)

17. (Currently amended) Computer software, stored on a computer-readable storage medium and

executable by at least one processor, that provides multiple jobs for a first communication device

that exchanges data with a second communication device, comprising:

 executable code that provides a plurality of device records, wherein each of the device

records is associated with the first communication device;

 executable code that provides a plurality of job records for at least one of the device

records as a corresponding device record, wherein each of the job records contains at least some

information that is also provided in the corresponding device record, and wherein at least one of

the job records corresponds to tasks performed in connection with exchanging data between the

first communication device and the second communication device; ~~and~~

 executable code that links the job records and the corresponding device record; ~~so that~~

 executable code that accesses any one of the job records ~~may be accessed~~ by first

accessing the corresponding device record, wherein jobs corresponding to the job records

associated with the corresponding device record are serviceable by different adapters that access

the corresponding device record, and wherein at least one of the jobs is serviced by one of the

different adapters accessing a particular job record for the at least one of the jobs via accessing

the corresponding device record, the different adapters that access the corresponding device

record being linked to the particular job record corresponding to the at least one of the jobs, and then the one of the different adapters servicing the at least one of the jobs; and

executable code that provides one of a plurality of shared pointers in each of the job records and the corresponding device record, wherein all of the shared pointers point to the corresponding device record.

18. (Cancelled)

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to KENNETH TANG whose telephone number is (571)272-3772. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30AM - 6:00PM, Every other Friday off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Meng-Ai An can be reached on (571) 272-3756. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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